

In Recognition of Senior Corps Week

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service is an independent federal agency created to connect citizens with opportunities to give back to their communities and our nation through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn & Serve America programs; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service Senior Corps programs, conceived during John F. Kennedy's presidency and authorized under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, taps the skills, talents, and experience of more than 500,000 Americans age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community needs through three programs: RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service Senior Corps programs provide opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the Nation, including approximately 2,700 volunteers in Hawai'i, to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service Senior Corps programs volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent services, and contribute to our public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service Senior Corps programs encourages older Americans to remain active and healthy; and support younger Americans to discover their potential for making a difference in their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 5 - 11, 2013, as

"SENIOR CORPS WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in extending our warmest mahalo (thank you) to Senior Corps Volunteers for their dedication to serve our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-six day of April, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i